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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEWT, RO  
SUBJ: PROPOSED US-ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 256617

1. EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS DUMITRESCU AND MAGARAN AT THEIR REQUEST NOVEMBER 28. ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS UNDERSTAND OUR INABILITY TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WHILE CONGRESS CONSIDERING TRADE BILL, AND RECOGNIZE THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EVEN DISCUSS THOSE PROVISIONS DEALING WITH MFN, THEY URGED THAT WE BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL, INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF REMAINING PROVISIONS TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES MAY CAUSE DIFFICULTY OR DELAY IN LATER NEGOTIATIONS. SOMEWHAT CONTRARY TO STATE 255244, PARA 2, DUMITRESCU SAID THAT ROMANIAN DRAFT PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON WAS NOT AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT, THAT IT WAS INTENDED AS A WORKING PAPER FROM WHICH TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS. US PROPOSALS AND REACTIONS TO THIS DRAFT WILL ENABLE ROMANIANS TO PRODUCE DRAFT FOR FORMAL NEGOTIATION. MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST WAS TO HAVE RECEIVED COMMENTS ON THEIR WORKING DRAFT BY "LAST WEEK," AND THEY WERE ANXIOUS NOT TO LOSE TIME.

2. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY DID NOT HAVE COMMENTS ON THEIR DRAFT. A US DRAFT WAS BEING PREPARED, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED  
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APPROVAL OF ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED. EMBASSY COULD NOT COMMENT

ON ROMANIAN DRAFT UNTIL WE KNEW WHAT WASHINGTON WANTED TO PROPOSE. EMBOFF PROMISED EMBASSY WOULD PASS ON OUR DRAFT AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

3. DUMITRESCU WAS UNDERSTANDING, BUT STRESSED (WITH EXAMPLES FROM OTHER ROMANIAN BILATERAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS) THAT THERE WAS "GREAT" AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL. HE CONCLUDED MEETING BY NOTING THAT BALL WAS IN US COURT.

4. IN LIGHT OF REFTTEL, WOULD APPRECIATE ESTIMATE OF WHEN WE CAN EXPECT DRAFT.  
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